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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

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Applicant PEGUFORM FRANCE		

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-12 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- nos. 1-21 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the drawings:
- sheets 1/7-7/7 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
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* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. II

Priority

1. ☐ This report has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the failure to furnish within the prescribed time limit the requested:
- ☐ copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 66.7(a)).
- ☐ translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 66.7(b)).
2. ☐ This report has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rule 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this report, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.

3. Additional observations, if necessary:

Since claims 7 to 19 and the description [page 10, line 6 to page 12, line 11], [page 12, line 21 & ff.] and figures 17, 18 and 19 were added when the international application was filed, the applicant cannot benefit from the priority date of the French patent application for the aspects of the invention to which they correspond.

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1.	Statement		
	Novelty (N)	Claims	YES
		Claims 1-21	NO
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims	YES
		Claims 1-21	NO
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	YES
		Claims	NO
2.	Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)		
1.	Reference is made to the following document:		
	D1: EP 0 119 131 A (RENAULT) 19 September 1984 (1984-09-19)		
2.	INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1		
2.1	<p>The present application fails to meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(1), since the subject matter of claim 1 does not comply with the criterion of novelty as defined by PCT Article 33(2).</p> <p>D1 describes (the references between parentheses apply to said document):</p> <p>a bonnet for a vehicle comprising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a wall (1) including a first material; - and a lining (2) including a second material weaker than the first material; <p>characterised in that the lining includes ribs (3 to 5).</p>		
3.	<p>DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2 TO 21</p> <p>Said claims contain no features which, when combined with the features of any one of the claims to which they refer, meet the PCT requirements of novelty (PCT Article 33(2)).</p> <p>The examiner refers the applicant to the citations in the international search report.</p>		

Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

Claims 2, 6, 7, 9, 11 and 14 to 19 do not meet the PCT requirements of clarity (PCT Article 6), for the following reasons:

Claim 2: "planar" is a vague term for a rib, since it can refer to the wall itself, to the edge or the foot of the rib.

Claim 6: reference (4) does not appear appropriate for the lining, unless it refers to the wall and not the lining.

Claim 7: "in at least one area selected from among a front half and a rear half" means that the claim is superfluous.

Claim 9: the applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that the bonnet, as soon as it is inclined (99.9 % of cases), is inclined relative to a longitudinal direction of the vehicle.

Claim 11: an essential element of the invention appears to be that at least certain ribs have their free longitudinal edge on the wall side.

Claims 14 to 19: the examiner is not convinced by the use of the term "pontet" (bridge fitting) to define elements 140 and 142; to the examiner's knowledge, the generally accepted meaning is remote from that given to it in the application. The description proposes a definition on page 12, lines 1 to 4: "a U-shaped profile... at a distance from the latter". Unfortunately, the wording used does not enable only this definition to be taken into consideration and applies unequivocally to the subject matter of said claims, thus leaving the latter ill-defined.